Newport Philatelic Society

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Introduction:

Dear members, here we have issue seventeen of the 2020 special newsletter with a release in September 2020. This issue has two contributions from Roy both with the same Newport connection. The first is a great eight page display of Phillips Airmail covers whilst the second is also a Phillips cover but is a very recent item that Roy has just bought and sent in for the “last item bought” category. I have also put two very different examples of a “last item bought” which are a Chepstow to Usk cover and some stamps from Nicaragua which I only just recently acquired.

Do not forget if you have any stamp related news or interests to share please pass it on so that I can share it with the wider membership. We can also use our website for useful links and articles.

https://newportgwentphilatelic.weebly.com/

It would be amazing if we could get to 20 newsletters before the new society season starts but this will all depend on you. Please send in any contributions you can to make this milestone happen.

An 8 page display of Phillips Airmail Covers by Roy:

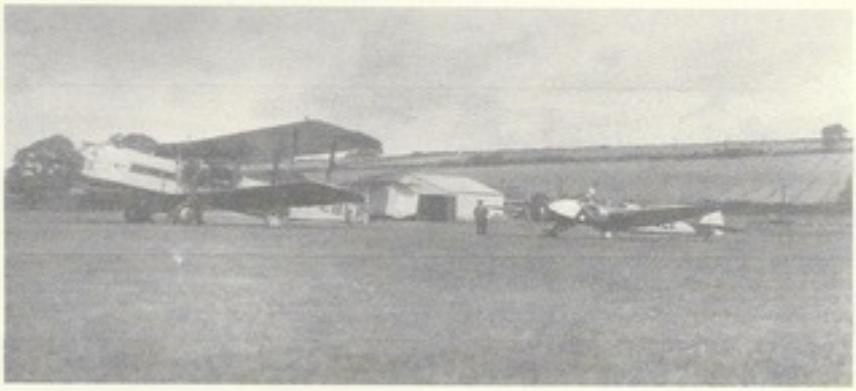
Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Lundy and Atlantic Coast Air Lines -- 26th October 1935

This cover has the Atlantic Coast ½ d red stamp along with the Lundy Local puffin stamp. Posted in Newport Mon with the single ring date stamp cancellation..



Heaton Court Airfield was used between 1935 and 1939 by Atlantic Coast Air Lines to carry mail and passengers 3 times a week to Lundy.

Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Lundy and Atlantic Coast Air Lines

Overprinted LACAL Violet Air Stamp. Last day of use for this stamp 31st March 1939

Red LACAL Air Stamp First Day of Use was the 31st March 1939, however this cover missed the flight and was cancelled on its arrival on the 4th April 1939.

Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Lundy and Atlantic Coast Air Lines – 18th July 1937

Airmail cover from Newport to Lundy with Lundy and Atlantic Coast Airlines Small ½d stamp , along with the Lundy Puffin stamp.. The reverse side has the Phillips return address label.

Mailed from Newport 30th July 1937 , with the rare winged LACAL cancellation on the1/2d air stamp. Addressed to A. Phillips Lundy Island,

Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Mr.A.Phillips Shop in Dock Street Newport used as a tobacconist and for his philatelic dealings as an Airmail Dealer.

Phillips was a prolific Airmail Collector and dealer between 1930 and 1945 posting covers all over the UK and the world, mainly First Flight using his Dock Street shop as a return address. In early 1942 the Phillips family suffered a terrible loss when his two children were killed when a German plane crashed by his house and the children were killed by the fumes that came from the plane.

A complimentary postcard showing his new shop front in 1938.

Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Lundy and Atlantic Coast Air Lines – 10th May 1937

Coronation registered cover from Newport to Lundy with Lundy and Atlantic Coast Airline Large Map stamp , along with the Lundy Puffin stamp.

Mailed from Newport 13th May 1937 to Lundy arriving on Lundy 14th May, registered from Newport with Newport metal ring date stamp cancellation Addressed to A. Phillips Lundy Island,

Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Lundy and Atlantic Coast Air Lines

Mail and luggage being loaded into aircraft on Lundy 1939
In early 1940 all flights to Lundy were suspended as the aircraft were transferred to war duties

Inward cover from Newport April 1939 has the 1d air stamp and half puffin Lundy stamp.

Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Last Day Of Use Cover

Lundy and Atlantic Coast Air Lines 8th May 1937.

Last Day Cover for KEVIII Definitives

Cover has Half Penny ASAC Label along with Lundy Half Puffin stamp it received on its arrival on Lundy , back stamped with Newport Oval Registration cancel, along with a Barnstaple registration mark.

Phillips Airmail Covers

Newport Monmouthshire

British Inland Airmail Service 1933 to 1939

Lundy and Atlantic Coast Air Lines 1st September 1936.

First Day Cover for KEVIII Definitives
Oval Registration Newport

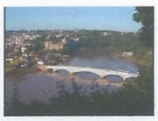
Cover has Half Penny ASAC Label along with Lundy Half Puffin stamp it received on its arrival on Lundy , back stamped with Newport Oval Registration cancel.

Last Item Bought: (Roy)

An interesting item which Roy has kindly shared with us. A recent purchase to add to his ever growing Phillips cover collection. A Phillips cover sent in 1948 from Germany with some great stamp blocks.

Last Item bought: (Les)

I have recently acquired this cover to add to my Chepstow postmarks collection. I “needed” a black Maltese Cross postmark from Chepstow!



Chepstow Postmarks (1843)

An entire Queen Victorian cover sent on the 13th of April 1843 using a QV Penny Red (SG8, plate 150, 4 margins) stamp, which was sent from Chepstow to Henry Maybury of Brecon. The stamp has a black “Maltese” Cross postmark with a Chepstow postmark on the reverse.

Last Item bought(2): (Les)

I am also interested in stamps related to Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein and I have been looking for this set for some time. This set is from Nicaragua on a theme of physical laws and mathematical formulae. There is both a stamp on Newton and Einstein in the full set. What is also particularly interesting is that on the gummed side of the stamp is a small narrative explaining about the "scientist and his formulae". I have copied the reverse of the stamps and shown them below. I have seen another set from Nicaragua on medical discoveries, it has a Leonardo stamp connection of course, which also has a small narrative on the gummed side. Does anyone else know any countries which have done this? If so, can you please send me some pictures and I will include them in a future newsletter.

Final Notes:

Dear members, please take care and look after yourselves. A big thank you to Roy for his excellent contributions to this issue.

Please remember to send in a picture of your “last item bought” as many members comment how this is a simple but interesting topic and it is an easy way to share and make a contribution to a newsletter. If you have bought two or more items and cannot decide which to send, send in pictures of them all!

Any mistakes and errors are all down to me, so as before, my genuine apologies for every one of them!

If anyone is receiving the newsletter in error or no longer wishes to receive it please let me know and I will remove you from the circulation list.

Until next time.
Les Ashton-Smith

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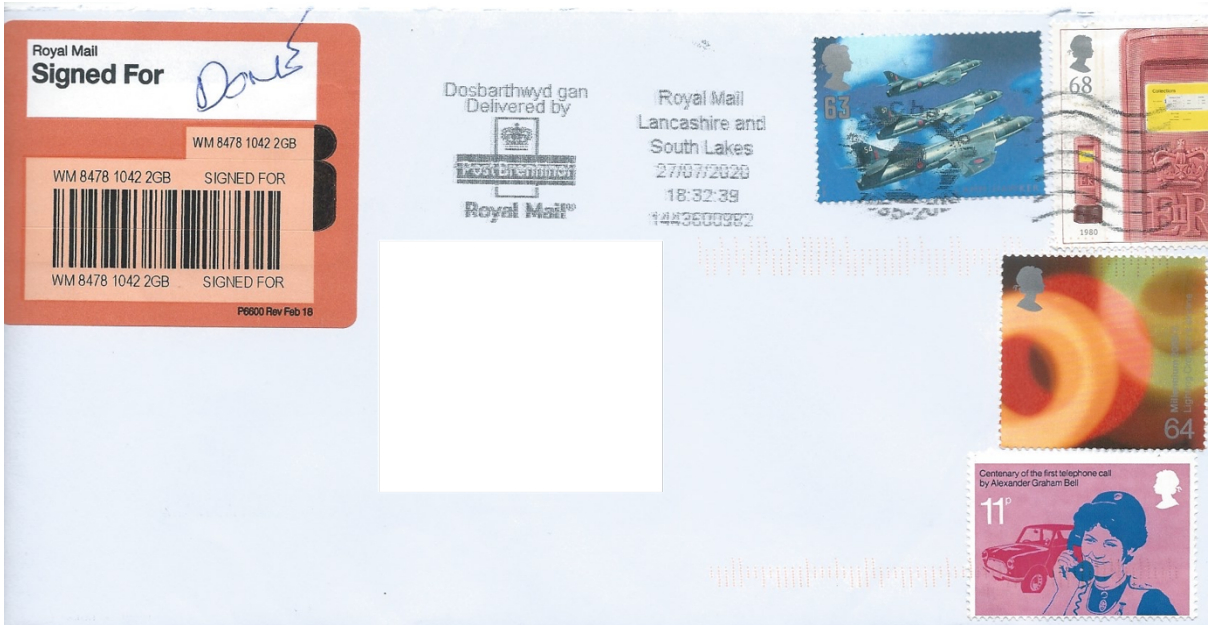
Another Jack Charlton commemorative postmark but sent from Bolton to myself in Chepstow, the Royal Mail sorting hub is “Lancashire and the South Lakes” but has the Welsh language in the delivered by “Post Brenhinol”, a curious combination I thought! Pre-sorted to Wales before the post mark applied perhaps, anyone know the answer?